



K. Wesley Thompson

July 14, 2014

Kenneth Wesley Thompson of Chester, MD, died on Monday, July 14, 2014, at Anne Arundel Medical Center. He was 89.

Born on August 24, 1924, in Chester, MD, to the late Earle “Poke” Thompson and Adelaide Anna Coleman Thompson he grew up in Dominion. Wes began his career as a teenager working on the water. He was then drafted into the Army during WWII where he entered in a quarter master division supporting field hospitals. He landed on the shores of Normandy during the first week of D-Day. During the war he was transferred to an infantry division. Wes earned five battle stars for the wars of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe.

After the war he returned to Kent Island and attended the Baltimore Construction Institute. Upon graduation in May 1949, he began a masonry construction business on Kent Island which he worked until he was 65 years old. Wes then returned to the water as a waterman until he was 85. He also had a goose guiding business for decades and was an avid fisherman and rabid O’s fan. Wes was a longtime member of the Masons (Lodge 180).

Mr. Thompson’s first wife was Rosalie Heim and later he married Betty Thomas. He enjoyed a long-term relationship with Joan Swigert until her passing in 1999.

Wes is survived by his son, K. Michael Thompson of Washington; many grandchildren of which he was particularly close to Brian Clendaniel, Lori Nash, and Christopher Nash; and many great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister, Pearle Mae Thompson, and brother, Robert Thompson.

Services will be held on Monday, July 21, 2014, at 11 a.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Chester, MD, with a visitation on Sunday, July 20, 2014, from 6-8 p.m. Interment will be in Stevensville Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Stevensville Cemetery

808 Main Street
Stevensville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
(410) 643-2226
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Service

JUL 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of K. Wesley Thompson* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 18, 2014 at 01:34 PM



“ *K. Wesley Thompson* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *K. Wesley Thompson* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *K. Wesley Thompson* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

MT

“ Attempting to write the eulogy for my father Wes & I would like to borrow Phil Coulter's words, but I don't think I can deliver them at the service without loosing it.. So I'll post them here. Mike Thompson

*"The tears have all been shed now
We've said our last good-byes
His soul's been blessed
He's laid to rest
And it's now I feel alone
He was more than just a father
A teacher, my best friend*

*As a boy, he'd take me walking
And he showed me things
Not known to kings
And secrets between him and me.*

*I thought he'd live forever
He seemed so big and strong
But the minutes fly
And the years roll by
For a father and a son
And suddenly, when it happened
There was so much left unsaid
No second chance
To tell him thanks
For everything he's done*

*I never will forget him
For he made me what I am
Though he may be gone
Memories linger on
And I miss him, the old man"*

Mike Thompson - July 19, 2014 at 06:31 PM

TS

Last Sunday night was a night to remember. I was able to respond to the call to help Wes. Of course he didn't want to go to the hospital but I was able to give him a little bit of his own joking medicine and persuaded him to go. The whole time he was still being good ole Wes even though he didn't realize he was not doing very well. Cutting up with us as we carried him out and loaded him into the ambulance. During the ride to the hospital and in the emergency room, he was still making us laugh. I was able to stay in the room with him for a while as the doctors and nurses started to care for him and he had them laughing too. When I finally left I gave him a thumbs up and said, hang in there Wes. He gave me a big smile and nodded his head, okay. Unfortunately Wes's was tired and he was ready to rest in Heaven no matter how hard the doctors tried. Heaven will be a better place now with you and Bobby telling all of your jokes and stories. I know I will miss you and them.

Tracy Schulz

Tracy Schulz - July 20, 2014 at 12:35 PM

JH

I will always remember him as a simple waterman and great goose hunter. But a master story teller and decent guy. Lord knows the world needs more people like him. I am part of the Carolina crowd that adopted the "Baltimore" dude and will truly miss him.

josh henninger - December 24, 2014 at 04:52 PM

NG

*Mike,
My name is Nicolle Gamez. I am a recent graduate of Washington College. I had the pleasure of interviewing your father regarding his service in WWII just a few weeks before he passed last summer. We have a copy of the recorded interview for you, but I do not have your contact information. Please email me at ngamez2@washcoll.edu at your earliest convenience. I am very sorry for the loss of your father he spoke very highly of you the day we met for the interview!
Sincerely,
Nicolle*

Nicolle Gamez - March 04, 2015 at 10:05 AM

LG

“ Wes was definitely a character... great stories, funny jokes, and the biggest grin. He could walk into a room, and within seconds, have everyone laughing.

I am so glad to have known him. I will miss you my friend! God bless you.

Lu Giacofci - July 19, 2014 at 12:53 PM

RG

“ Wes was truly a man's man, and yet he loved the ladies. He always had a joke even if he had told you the joke before he somehow made it funny. He was there for me when I needed him and I will never forget that. I will miss my fishing buddy !

Ray Groff - July 18, 2014 at 04:10 PM

AH

“ Lathern and I are in NC and will not be able to pay our respects in person.

Everyone agrees that Wes was one of a kind and that is true. It was always a joy to meet him around the community, especially at the KIVFC breakfasts which he and Bobby supported.

His mother was so fortunate to have received the care from Wes and Bobby in her last years. They were a great example to others in this regard.

A few minutes with Wes and you felt better, just sharing his upbeat jokes, stories, etc.

Rest in peace, Old Buddy - you earned it!

Ava Honeycutt

Ava Honeycutt - July 17, 2014 at 05:03 PM

BC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with his family
He will be missed by many I'm glad I got to
know him and enjoy his jokes May God Bless*



Bonnie Coleman - July 17, 2014 at 06:52 AM

SM

“ To you, Wes from Sue and Marie....your girls
@ Centreville



You always had a few jokes to make us laugh; now it's our turn to pay tribute back to you. We will miss you dearly, rest in peace ole' timer.

The DUCK HUNTER

A duck hunter was out in the marsh, enjoying the beautiful hunting weather when he felt the urge to relieve himself.

So he walked over to the bushes and propped his gun against a tree.

Suddenly, a strong gust of wind blew and knocked his gun over, discharging it and shooting him in the genitals.

Awaking several hours later in a hospital bed, our duck hunter is approached by his doctor.

“Sir,” the doc begins..... “I have some good news and some bad news. The good news is there's no internal damage, and we were able to remove all of the buckshot.”

“Wow, that's great!” replied the hunter.

“So what's the bad news?”

“The bad news is that there was some pretty extensive buckshot damage done to your penis.

I'm going to have to refer you to my sister.”

“Oh, well that's not so bad I guess,” the hunter replied.

“Is your sister a plastic surgeon?”

“Not exactly.” answered the doctor.

“She's a flute player in the local symphony, and she's gonna to teach you where to put your fingers so you don't pee in your eye.”

Sue and Marie - July 16, 2014 at 10:13 AM

LB

“ Wes - you were one of a kind - the best jokes - the best stories - and a heart as big as the Chesapeake Bay - I am so grateful to have known you. You will be missed.

Lisa & Mike Bedard

Lisa Mike Bedard - July 16, 2014 at 05:27 AM



LT

“ Leslie Thompson lit a candle in memory of K. Wesley Thompson

Leslie Thompson - July 15, 2014 at 11:14 PM



MA

“ Those Thompson men were two of my favorite clients. After we lost Bobby, I took on Wes, and was scheduled to see him this week, which of course will never be. He had the best jokes and the sweetest heart. I will miss them both terribly.

Marie, RN

Marie - July 15, 2014 at 09:34 PM

KB

“ Rest in peace Wes you will be missed by the many people you have touched. It was some 34 years ago since we met and you told me the first of many of your jokes. Until we met again my friend,

Kevin Bard - July 15, 2014 at 08:03 PM



PI

“ *Condolences to the entire family on your loss.*



Phil Davidson II - July 15, 2014 at 07:59 PM



“ *Deb Langrell lit a candle in memory of K. Wesley Thompson*



Deb Langrell - July 15, 2014 at 06:01 PM



I remember a hot dry summer when my boys and I were living next door and our well went dry, I asked Wes if I could catch a pail full of water at his well. He didn't let me haul a bucket, he said hook the hose up to your spigot, gal until you get straight. He was good hearted and quick witted and the world is a better place because he was in it. Godspeed cousin Wes.

Deb Langrell - July 15, 2014 at 07:48 PM

SL

“ My condolences to the Family. The death of a loved one is the most difficult thing we deal with. I wanted to take this time to express my condolences to you for your loss. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's word the Bible. (Psalms 83:18) The Bible promises: "the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." (John 5:28,29) Jesus Christ promised that millions now dead will live again on this earth and have the prospect of remaining on it forever peaceful paradisaic conditions. (Isaiah 65:21,22) You can have the hope of being reunited with your dear dead loved ones. The Bible also promises: "And the last enemy, death, is to be brought to nothing." (1Corinthians 15:26) Death will be removed from all the earth. Tears of sorrow will vanish. (Revelation 21:4) No one will die from natural causes or weep. These are promises that will soon be a reality. The Bible says: "It is impossible for God to lie." (Hebrews 6:18) May you find comfort from these promises. And may Jehovah God of all comfort be with you. (2Corinthians 1:3,4)

For more encouragement please visit www.Jw.org.

sherries lee - July 15, 2014 at 04:26 PM

KH

“ Kim Honeycutt lit a candle in memory of K. Wesley Thompson



Kim Honeycutt - July 15, 2014 at 03:01 PM

AH

“ April Hardesty lit a candle in memory of K. Wesley Thompson



April Hardesty - July 15, 2014 at 01:45 PM

JC

“ Janet And Craig Council lit a candle in memory of K. Wesley Thompson



Janet and Craig Council - July 15, 2014 at 11:38 AM

ML

“ Mike Lynn lit a candle in memory of K. Wesley Thompson



Mike Lynn - July 15, 2014 at 10:01 AM

LB

“ Linda Tuel Bennett lit a candle in memory of K. Wesley Thompson



Linda Tuel Bennett - July 14, 2014 at 04:37 PM